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PART 2B

WRITING IN RESPONSE TO READING

Think about the people and animals in the selections you just read. Then answer the following question:

Animals need people to take care of them. Do you agree? Yes or No. Explain your answer using specific examples and details from BOTH “Elephant Patrol” and “Because of Winn-Dixie.” Be sure to show how the two reading selections are alike or connected.

The space on pages 29–31 in this test booklet may be used for writing down ideas, organizing your thoughts, or writing a rough draft. Use the checklist on page 32 to help you write your response. Nothing written in this booklet will be scored.

THE FINAL COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE WRITTEN IN YOUR PART 2 ANSWER FOLDER STARTING ON PAGE 2.

Michigan Educational Assessment Program
Grade 4 English Language Arts
Holistic Scorepoint Descriptions
Part 2B: Writing in Response to Reading

Here is an explanation of what readers think about as they score your writing.

- 6** The student clearly and effectively chooses key or important ideas from each reading selection to support a position on the question and to make a clear connection between the reading selections. The position and connection are thoroughly developed with appropriate examples and details. There are no misconceptions about the reading selections. There are strong relationships among ideas. Mastery of language use and writing conventions contributes to the effect of the response.
- 5** The student makes meaningful use of key ideas from each reading selection to support a position on the question and to make a clear connection between the reading selections. The position and connection are well developed with appropriate examples and details. Minor misconceptions may be present. Relationships among ideas are clear. The language is controlled, and occasional lapses in writing conventions are hardly noticeable.
- 4** The student makes adequate use of ideas from each reading selection to support a position on the question and to make a connection between the reading selections. The position and connection are supported by examples and details. Minor misconceptions may be present. Language use is correct. Lapses in writing conventions are not distracting.
- 3** The student takes a clear position on the question. The response makes adequate use of ideas from one reading selection or partially successful use of ideas from both reading selections, and the ideas from at least one reading selection are connected to the position. The position is developed with limited use of examples and details. Misconceptions may indicate only a partial understanding of the reading. Language use is correct but limited. Incomplete mastery over writing conventions may interfere with meaning some of the time.
- 2** The student takes a clear position on the question. There is partially successful use of ideas from one reading selection or minimal use of ideas from both reading selections to respond to the question or theme, but the ideas may not be connected to the position. The position is underdeveloped. Major misconceptions may indicate minimal understanding of the reading. Limited mastery over writing conventions may make the writing difficult to understand.
- 1** The student takes a position on the question but only makes minimal use of ideas from one reading selection or the student takes no position on the question but responds to the theme with at least minimal use of ideas from one or both of the reading selections. Ideas are not developed and may be unclear. Major misconceptions may indicate a lack of understanding of the reading. Lack of mastery over writing conventions may make the writing difficult to understand.

Not ratable if:

- A** Retells or references the reading selections with no connection to the question or theme.
- B** Off topic
- C** Illegible/written in a language other than English
- D** Blank/refused to respond
- E** Responds to the question with no reference to either of the reading selections.

SCORE POINT: A

Retells or references the reading selections with no connection to the question or theme

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: PART 3
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Animals are small and some animals are big like ELEPHANTS are big and small like little Mahouts ELEPHANTS are so big and their water can be up to about 700 pounds. The little ELEPHANTS are called Mahouts and they are little and they get bigger when they grow up and they look like there mom and dad. And the little ELEPHANTS can be a girl or a boy.

Non-Scorable Code: A

This response provides minimal information from the text *Elephant Patrol*, plus some misconceptions about the text, but does not address the question or the theme.

SCORE POINT: E

Responds to the question with no reference to either of the reading selections

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: PART 3
(WRITING IN RESPONSE TO READING)

No because they help
there selves. They know the
way there going to. Cat's knows
the way home. Some animals
are little they know lots
of ways and things are
hard. like cross some Streets.
Animals some of them are
fast, slow, middom. They also
are smart. Some animals

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are little and they are
smart. Cats, Dog's, birds,
and others of animals
are smart. My pets are
smart because they know
how to treat others how
they are treated like
people are treated.

Non-Scorable Code: E

This student responds to the question, but does not reference either of the reading selections.

No, I think that if wild animals can forge on there own why can't others so no I think animals don't need someone to take care of them. See if people kept some animals in captivity they will lose there sense of "wildness" and won't be able to hunt or live a normal life so when you let wild animals stay in the wild you are doing them a favor.

Non-Scorable Code: E

This student responds to the question, but does not reference either of the reading selections.

SCORE POINT: 1

The student takes a position on the question but only makes minimal use of ideas from one reading selection OR the student takes no position on the question but responds to the theme with at least minimal use of ideas from one or both of the reading selections. Ideas are not developed and may be unclear. Major misconceptions may indicate a lack of understanding of the reading. Lack of mastery over writing conventions may make the writing difficult to understand.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: PART 3
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NO because there wild Ammales
& wild Ammales are wild to
wild for you to take care
of they bite, & Play Bite.

Score Point: 1

This student takes a position, but only makes minimal use of ideas (play bite) from one reading selection (*Elephant Patrol*).

The elephants are not nice with people
There not nice with people beca^{es}
They take care of there ele phant
babies. elephants are powerful and big
to. each elephant needs an care taker,
Ph 1

elephants have sweet tooth. elephants
leave in jungles pet some don't like
zoos some leave in zoos, an elephants
eat 500 Pounds 225 kg of plant 5
Ph 2

elephants protect there babies from
People some people atack there babies
or there mome are cal some elephants
are dergeverus. Pet some don't
Ph 3

Score Point: 1

This response has no position, but does have a minimal connection from one reading selection (*Elephant Patrol*) to the question (each elephant needs a caretaker).

SCORE POINT: 2

The student takes a clear position on the question. There is partially successful use of ideas from one reading selection OR minimal use of ideas from both reading selections to respond to the question or theme, but the ideas may not be connected to the position. The position is underdeveloped. Major misconceptions may indicate minimal understanding of the reading. Limited mastery over writing conventions may make the writing difficult to understand.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: PART 3
(WRITING IN RESPONSE TO READING)

Yes, I do think the animals need our help. Although some people hunt for more than they need it still isn't fair for the animals. Dharam and India both help out animals. Why can't we be more like them.

Score Point: 2

This student takes a position and makes minimal use of ideas from both reading selections (Dharam and India both help out animals).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: PART 3
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yes, animals need people to take care of them. Animals need people so they can get food, water, and shelter. You should also protect animals from poachers if they live in the jungle. If you want to save an animal for example from the pound you must risk getting in trouble.

Also if your dad, mom, grampa ect. lets you keep it you must be responsible. Being responsible means to feed it everyday and bath it everyday. That's why I think animals need people.

Score Point: 2

This student takes a position and makes minimal use of ideas from both reading selections (you should also protect animals from poachers; you want to save an animal for example from the pound).

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Yes and No alot of animals need people and some don't. Well some of the animals don't need people an exampel is a earth worm they have all the stuff they need. I've already read the book Because of Winn-Dixie it is an excallet book. Winn Dixie is a dog that really needs help. When opal takes good care of Winn Dixie and as I started reading Elephant patrol I started to think about Because of Winn Dixie. I only know a few animals that don't need humans but yet I still know more and more. I learned quit aw bit in the Elephant patrol. Lots of animals need our help to live like seaguls they need our trash to eat and us we need to have food like meat we don't make the meat breckers do. The tigers need us so they don't die and become exstincted. If you think about it Jesus made all the animals so we should care for them.

Score Point: 2

This qualified (Yes or No) response has minimal use of ideas from both reading selections to support the position (Winn-Dixie is a dog that really needs help; Opal takes good care of Winn-Dixie; tigers need us so they don't die and become extinct). More details and development are necessary for a higher score.

SCORE POINT: 3

The student takes a clear position on the question. The response makes adequate use of ideas from one reading selection OR partially successful use of ideas from both reading selections, and the ideas from at least one reading selection are connected to the position. The position is developed with limited use of examples and details. Misconceptions may indicate only a partial understanding of the reading. Language use is correct but limited. Incomplete mastery over writing conventions may interfere with meaning some of the time.

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Yes I think that animals do need help from people because lots are becoming endangered, and lots are running away and losing their homes. In Elephant Patrol Dharam's father is a mahout. A mahout is an elephant driver. Dharam's father patrols parts of the park they live in because he is guarding the Bengal tigers from poachers. In Because of Winn-Dixie India Opal Buloni goes to the store and goes to the produce section. She finds the manager red faced screaming and waving his arms around "Who let a dog in here" at first India Opal didn't see a dog then she saw a big and ugly dog. Then the manager screamed "somebody grab that dog" Then India Opal hollered "that's my dog." India Opal said "here boy" a few times but it didn't work. So then she said "here Winn-Dixie" and he came to her. Then they went out of the store. India Opal looked him over. He was big and skinny you could see his ribs and there were bald patches all

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(WRITING IN RESPONSE TO READING)

over him. But India Opal loved Winn-Dixie
anyway.

Score Point: 3

This student takes a clear position on the question and uses one key idea from *Elephant Patrol* in support of this position (Dharam's father patrols the park because he is guarding the Bengal tigers from poachers). While this response contains many details from *Because of Winn-Dixie*, the student is primarily re-telling the story. There is some support found toward the end of the response (India Opal looked him over. He was big and skinny you could see his ribs and there were bald patches all over him. But India Opal loved Winn-Dixie anyway).

Yes I think animals should be
taken care of by humans.

The reason why I think that they
should be taken care of is because
poachers can kill a lot of animals
and if a baby animal's mom died the
baby will unless people feed it milk.
It is just like us we can't
get our milk when we were that
little.

In the story Elephant
patrol they feed the elephants
and they keep poachers away
from tigers. Also in the
story Winn-Die the girl saves
the dog from going to the
pound and the dog was so
skinny that you could see
his ribs.

Score Point: 3

This student takes a clear position and makes partially successful use of ideas from both of the reading selections (they feed the elephants and they keep poachers away from tigers, the girl saves the dog from going to the pound ... you could see his ribs).

Yes I agree because animals require care and support like people. India Opal Buloni supported the dog Winn-Dixie by salvaging it from going to the pound. Then India went to show her dad the dog to see if she could probably keep the dog and take care of the dog. India was nice to save the dog but if her dad say she can't keep the dog its going to half to go to the pound and the dog pound will give Winn-Dixie to a nice family thay will love and cure for him. Dharam help the elaphant's by feeding brushing and dusting them. Dharam take good care of the elaphant's each and every day. Dharam wants to be like his dad when he grows up because his a good man. Dharam should work in a zoo because he takes very good care of animals. He spends half of his time at school and the other with the elaphant's.

Score Point: 3

This response includes adequate use of ideas from both stories (India supported the dog Winn-Dixie by salvaging it from the pound; Dharam helps the elephants by feeding, brushing and dusting them). The response would need to show a connection between the stories to get a higher score.

SCORE POINT: 4

The student makes adequate use of ideas from each reading selection to support a position on the question and to make a connection between the reading selections. The position and connection are supported by examples and details. Minor misconceptions may be present. Language use is correct. Lapses in writing conventions are not distracting.

They both have animals in the story plus they
both need people. To take care of them and
kids are in both of the stories and both of
the kids are telling the stories and they
need people. To wash them up because
elephants and dogs can't reach their back and legs.
that's why elephants and dogs can't wash
themselves. If animals eat stuff from off
the streets they can get sick animals need
to eat stuff like hay, dog food, meat, and drink
water.

Score Point: 4

This response opens with a connection between the reading selections (both of the kids are telling the stories) and makes adequate use of ideas from *Elephant Patrol* and *Because of Winn-Dixie* (they need people to wash them because elephants and dogs can't wash themselves. If animals eat stuff from off the streets they can get sick. Animals need to eat stuff like hay, dog food, and meat and drink water.

Yes animals ^{elephant & cat} need to be protected
because some endangered animals
get hurt or even sometimes
people kill them.

I think it is a grate idea
that some animals are protected
from poachers and safe from
danger

Because of winn-dixie

A little girl helped a bad
dog. The little girl saved the
dogs life and the little
girl took him home with
her.

They both had animals in
the two stories and there
both helped animals.

Score Point: 4

This student gives adequate details from both stories in support of the position and states a connection between the stories (in the two stories they both helped animals).

Yes! I agree that animals need people to take care of them. I think you should take care of Bengal Tigers just as well as you take care of every other animal. You should not kill them. You should also work with your pet's to save other endangered animals, just like Mohants do with elephant's.

Opal saved Winn-Dixie by telling the store manager that Winn-Dixie was her dog. Both Opal and the villagers saved animals.

Score Point: 4

This student gives adequate details from both stories in support of the position and states a connection between the stories (both Opal and the villagers saved animals).

SCORE POINT: 5

The student makes meaningful use of key ideas from each reading selection to support a position on the question and to make a clear connection between the reading selections. The position and connection are well developed with appropriate examples and details. Minor misconceptions may be present. Relationships among ideas are clear. The language is controlled, and occasional lapses in writing conventions are hardly noticeable.

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I think that animals should be taken care of but in their habitat. In the story Because of Winn-Dixie, India took care of him. Winn-Dixie was not being cared for when he was out in the wild and he was out of his habitat because dogs are supposed to live in a house. They are house pets. Winn-Dixie could have got killed more easily out in the wild. In the story Elephant Patrol the elephants were in their natural habitat and people were caring for them. The people ride on them but they don't mind. The tigers are cared for and live in it's habitat. The people show that they care for them by getting

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up early in the morning
to see if they see poachers.
People care for animals.

Score Point: 5

This student makes meaningful use of key ideas from both stories in support of the position (India took care of him. Winn-Dixie was not being cared for when he was out in the wild and he was out of his habitat because dogs are supposed to live in a house. The elephants were in their natural habitat and people were caring for them). There is a connection between the stories (animals' habitats).

Animals do need people but they don't need people. What I mean is they need people to take care of them like make sure they don't kill each other, but then again they do not need some people because they are poachers. Like in "Elephant Patrol" they had to check on the Bengal tigers because poachers hunted them. And in "Winn Dixie" she rescued the dog from the streets. These two reading sections are alike because they both involved taking care of animals, also they both have things that people can learn from. Like in

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"Elephant Patrol" it teaches you that there are only about one hundred Bengal Tigers in the Jungle and you not kill them. In "Winn Dixie" it teaches you that if a dog is nice to you, you should see if it can get a good home instead of the pound.

Score Point: 5

To support the qualified position that "Animals do need people but they don't need people," this student makes meaningful use of ideas from both reading selections (in *Elephant Patrol* they had to check on the Bengal tigers because poachers hunted them. In *Winn-Dixie* she rescued the dog from the streets). The connection between the selections is that both have things that people can learn from.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: PART 3
(WRITING IN RESPONSE TO READING)

Yes animals do need to be taken care of
In the story because of Winn Dixie, It
tells about a girl who sees a dog at the
super market, messing up all the vegetables.
He nicks over the store manager. The manager
says call the pound and a little girl says
that's my dog. She called the dog and
they went out side she looked
him over and he needed a bath,
shelter, and food. Then In the
story Elephant patrol, they
talk about feeding elephants
and tigers. They shelter the
elephants and tigers. They gave
protection to them. They had
lots of baths every day
they got lots and lots of
exercise each day.
In many ways both stories
say how they protect

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feed, bathe, shelter them, and
get lot's of exercise. And that's
why animals have to be taken
care of.

Score Point: 5

This student states a clear position, supports it with meaningful details from both reading selections, and states a connection between the selections (both stories say how they protect animals). More development of the support for the position is necessary for a higher score.

SCORE POINT: 6

The student clearly and effectively chooses key or important ideas from each reading selection to support a position on the question and to make a clear connection between the reading selections. The position and connection are thoroughly developed with appropriate examples and details. There are no misconceptions about the reading selections. There are strong relationships among ideas. Mastery of language use and writing conventions contributes to the effect of the response.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: PART 3
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Yes I think animals need protection because in Winn-Dixie a girl named India Opal Buloni didn't want a dog to go to the pound so she said it was hers and called it Winn-Dixie. In Elephant Patrol a boy named Dharam, his dad and him help keep the Bengal tigers safe from poachers well just his dad. Dharam feeds and washes the elephant Sita his dad rides on to patrol the park. Dharam feeds and washes Sita's calf too. You see some animals are endangered. That's why I picked yes. Also some animals like a pet that is a stray could die because they need proper food every day and they need loving care with some protection and attention. Some animals might need medicine for some sorta disease it might have. That's why some animals need our help!!! The story Elephant Patrol and Winn-Dixie

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are alike because they both are about
trying to save animals.

Score Point: 6

This student effectively supports the position with key ideas and details from both reading selections, and gives a clear connection between the selections (the stories are alike because they both are trying to save animals).